Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): My further doubt is whether that is going to stand in the way for ever.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): For the time being at any rate, and it will be so till the finances improve.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Finances for what?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): Finances for running a large number of poor houses in every part of the State.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Do you mean finances for preventing the influx of foreign beggars into Cochin?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): For housing them too.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is it not possible to undertake legislation to prevent foreign beggars from coming to the State?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): More as an academic discussion, it may be done, but I do not think it is practicable.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Have the Government addressed the Madras or Travancore Government for taking action?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): Even in the City of Madras, they have found it very difficult to tackle this problem.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): But I find from the newspaper reports that they are going to do something.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): May I remind the Government the saying of Cardinal Newman that a dozen difficulties should not make a doubt? (*Laughter*).

APPOINTMENTS—ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT—TRICHUR MUNICIPALITY.

39. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of posts sanctioned by the Government in the Electrical Department, Trichur Municipality;

(*b*) whether the posts thus sanctioned are temporary or permanent;

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(*c*) the names of officers in the Electrical Department who draw a salary of Rs. 100 and above per mensem with the dates of their appointments to the respective posts?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Fifty-five.

(*b*) Fifty-four of the posts are temporary and one post is permanent.

(*c*) (1) C. K. Nayar, Manager—19th August 1937.

(2) C. R. Ramanathan, Electrical Engineer—5th March 1938.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are there any special reasons to make the post of only one person permanent out of the 55?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Because it is a commercial undertaking. In all commercial undertakings it is the case.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Of these two, who is the permanent incumbent?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Mr. C. K. Nayar, the manager.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): With regard to my supplementary question asking the reasons for making the post of only one person permanent, your answer was not clear.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): They are all technical officers.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Out of all technical posts, what is the special reason for making the only post permanent?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): That is not a technical post.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): What is the objection for making the technical posts also permanent?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): That is just what was explained. It is the usual practice adopted in all commercial concerns.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Of these two who gets the larger salary?

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Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*) : Both draw the same salary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*) : May I know the castes to which each of the 55 belong?

Mr. President: If the hon'ble member means communities to which they belong, the question cannot be put as supplementary.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*) : For how long are these posts to continue temporarily ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*) : Until the Government order that they should be made permanent. The present idea is to keep these posts as temporary.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*) : Has the fact that these posts are temporary affected the administration or efficiency of the work ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*) : No.

MOTOR ENGINEERING—INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT.

40. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon** (*Chittur-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether motoring is taught in any of the Industrial schools in the State ;

(2) if so, when did it begin ;

(3) how many students passed out of the school ;

(4) has any one of them employed in the State Motor Department ;

(5) have they any idea as to what their present state is ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(1) Yes ; in the G. T. School, Trichur.

(2) On 1st Chingam 1105.

(3) 89 including 2 owner drivers.

(4) Yes.

(5) Government have no exact idea. But some of them are reported to be working as mechanics in Coimbatore, Palghat, etc., and some as drivers either in their own cars or in private cars.

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